



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of March</i>		
-	Rotary	Water and Sanitation Month
<i>Weeks of Mar/Apr</i>		
21st-27th Mar	UN	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination
1st-5th Apr	Aust	National Advance Care Planning Week
<i>Days of Mar/Apr</i>		
2nd Apr	UN	World Autism Awareness Day



From the President's Desk

Hi Fellows,

Saturday 23 March, 2019... wow what a day! Before dawn, Peter Smith hitching up and delivering the Rotary BBQ to Chalmers Road School. Rotarian Andrew Aravanis and son Greg, also before dawn, setting up the BBQ at Chalmers Road School. Michelle, (the boss) collecting the sausages, from Milperra, and then back to the school. The supply chain was moving fast. The gas on, burners started, sausages, bacon, eggs cooking. We were not alone, the staff and families from Chalmers Road were there too, on the counter, taking orders, with Rotary on the BBQ. Meanwhile out front, on the street, the political guys and girls were setting up their posters, chatting, manoeuvring, to be the only choice,

or the best. They were there outside the fence and we are inside. It was 8.00am, voting was starting. Success for the BBQ team, with the voters leaving with a sausage sandwich in hand, others were compelled to eat before voting. Importantly, at the end of the day, the shortfall for the Chalmers Road bus had been covered. The final sum, perhaps reaching \$3,000. Catch the photos on the School Facebook page. Rod was there and we have Club photos of the team.

The subject of the day was of course the NSW state elections, our Honorary Member, Jodi McKay, was heavily involved. Our congratulations to Jodi on her re-election. Commiserations to Rotarians barracking for others.

On Sunday, I called by Alwyn Rehabilitation Hospital, and chatted with David Croft, all is fine. He will be out of Alwyn during the week, and hoping to be back to a Rotary meeting within the fortnight.

Last week's compelling guest speaker at the Club was Luke Athens, a Private Investigator, and his subject, telephone surveillance. Luke captured us, please read Joe's report in our Bulletin. We could have been there until midnight listening and sponging up the data. Can I remind the members, we have to finish close to 8.30pm? In the speak of the night, a new Club algorithm, save and ask questions at the end of the talk.

On redistricting for our Rotary District, a proposal by Rotary District 9675, our District, and anticipating further decline in clubs membership. The redistricting would result in a single Sydney Rotary District. Currently the greater Sydney Metropolitan area is divided along a north/south lines. For guidance our Club has to indicate support for the proposed change or the District boundaries be unchanged and according the clubs in the District also remain unchanged. The Board is to vote at the next Board meeting Strathfield's view.

Charles



Last Week's Speaker: Luke Athens

Members and guests were treated to an excellent presentation by Luke Athens a Private Investigator who is part of the International Intelligence Agency Group.

Luke shared some of his vast experience in the investigation industry and included case studies of a number of successful missing persons investigations in which Luke has been involved.

Luke also included in his presentation details of the work he regularly does involving high tech surveillance, monitoring, all forms of data retrieval and reporting, encryption breaking techniques to obtain a myriad of information stored in ordinary mobile phones which can virtually track a person's whereabouts and

activities at any given moment and over long periods of time.

Luke engaged and interacted with his audience during his presentation and all present were enthusiastic to learn more about his activities and experiences.

The Private Investigation Industry has certainly come a long way since the days of the sniffing, wine-stained trench coat wearing "Fig" Newton the Private Investigator made famous in the Rumpole of the Bailey television series and short stories. However, although the tools of the trade have advanced, the basic aim of the game remains unchanged.

Summary by *Joseph Saad*



President Charles with Luke Athens

This Week's speaker: Nick Hamilton Kane

Nick will tonight, having spent several years there, enlighten us on his experiences in Hong Kong.

Next Week's speaker: Mitch Van Reyk

A principal at Vantage Insurance Solutions Pty Ltd, Mitch has over 30 years experience in the Australian General Insurance Industry. His specialties include SME & Commercial broking.

Mitch is a Senior Associate of The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) and holds a Diploma of Insurance Broking

Reports from Directors

From Wednesday 20-03-19

Arie Pappas

Reported on his participation in the District Conference that was held last weekend at the Bankstown Sports Club. This was his first DC and Arie reported that the guest speakers

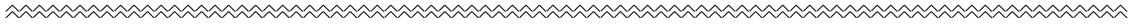
(particularly Martin Place Lindt café survivor, Louisa Hope) and that it was excellent value for money.

Arie also advised that nominations for this year's Youth Awards, to be held at Strathfield Town Hall on Wednesday, 10 April, have closed.

Arie reported that there are a record number of thirty-three individuals nominated.

Charles Pitt

Again reminded members of the critical importance of completing their Working With Children (WWC) check.



Reports from members

From Wednesday 20-03-19

Peter Smith

Thanked members of the Club who supported the World's Greatest Shave event at Homebush Boys High and sponsorship of the, now bald, Peter

Smith! Strathfield Rotarians contributed \$528. A representative from the Leukaemia Foundation will come to Homebush Boys High next week for the presentation.



Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>			
<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Event/speaker</i>	<i>To introduce</i>	<i>To thank + Speaker write-up</i>
Wed 27th Mar 2019	A Cultural Tour of Hong Kong Nick Hamilton Kane	Dimitry Palmer	John-Paul Baladi
Last week of March	BowelCare distribution	Peter Smith	-
Start: 1 April 2019 Finish: 31 May 2019	BowelCare	Peter Smith	-
Wed 3rd Apr 2019	Risky Business Mitch Van Reyk	Richard Horwood	Peter Smith
Wed 10th Apr 2019	Youth Achievement Awards	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
1st Apr	Peter van der Sleen

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	None



The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (20-03-19)	21
Leave of absence	3
Other absence	4
Apologies	4
Late apology	0
No apology	13
Club membership	45
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	2
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle (well done Domenico!!)	\$365.00
Sergeants session (well done Nick!)	\$103.80

Your Committee 2018-2019

President	Charles Pitt	Secretary	Rod McDougall
President Elect	Arie Pappas	Sergeant	Grahame True
Immediate Past President	Rick Vosila	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth	Peter van der Sleen	Community	Thaya Ponniah
International	Chris Virgona	Vocational	Usha Garg
Public Officer	Rod McDougall	Club Service	Paolo Giammarco

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	Selectprint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari
Facebook master	Charles Pitt		

Raffles Roster

In the Rotary spirit of sharing the load, 'raffles Rick' has devised a roster so all members can actively participate in our weekly raffles.

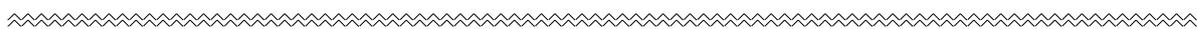
Here are the rules of the game:

1. This is a test of your accountability and responsibility. If you are rostered on for a particular night, you are accountable and responsible for running the raffle on that night. Please don't let your club down.
2. On your night, you do the lot: arrange the prizes beforehand (three prizes is all we need; be creative with them); announce the raffle; sell the tickets; tally the money; manage the draw; and make it a huge success. I will assist if needed.

We can also enlist the support of other members on the night for ticket selling, etc.

3. If you can't make it on the night, you must arrange to swap your shift with someone else on the roster (early!). Don't just let it slip by so we don't have a raffle on the night.
4. If on the night that you're rostered on we have a Transfer Meeting (or no meeting) and so no raffle is required, you get the night off; bonus!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Rostered on</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Rostered on</i>
Wed, 27 Mar 19	Thaya Ponniah	Wed, 24 Apr 19	Roger Vince
Wed, 3 Apr 19	Chris Virgona	Wed, 1 May 19	Peter van der Sleen
Wed, 10 Apr 19	Janelle Watson	Wed, 8 May 19	Gulian Vaccari
Wed, 17 Apr 19	Rick Vosila	Wed, 15 May 19	Allan Teale



Out and About: Upcoming Youth Awards

2018 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2019

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Do you know an exceptional young person who deserves their achievements to be recognised? Nominate them online at:

 www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au 

Nominations close 5pm, Monday 11 March 2019

Out and About: New member:

Marvin Velasquez

Wednesday 20th March 2019



Marvin and Kimberley



Kimberley, Pres Charles and Marvin

Out and About: BBQ at Chalmers Road

Saturday 23rd March 2019

